

Disaster Aid Grant Fund
House File 896
(Successor to HF 357)

Last Action:
**House Appropriations
Committee**
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Executive Summary Only

An Act creating a Disaster Aid Individual Assistance Grant Fund.

Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency

NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

DISASTER AID INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REQUIRED REPORT

FISCAL IMPACT

- Creates a Disaster Aid Individual Assistance Grant Fund for use by the Executive Council.
- Permits the Executive Council to use grant funds to reimburse the Department of Human Services for the actual expenses in administering the grants.
- Limits funding for grants to \$1.0 million per fiscal year, following a Governor's disaster proclamation, to meet the needs of individuals affected by the disaster.
- The Grant Program is to be administered by the Department of Human Services.
- Grants are limited to 25.0% of 130.0% of the federal poverty level, or \$3,110, and may only be used for the replacement of personal property, home repair, food assistance, and temporary housing assistance.
- Requires grant applicants to sign an affidavit committing to refund any part of the grant that is duplicated by other assistance as listed in the Bill.
- Requires the Department of Human Services to adopt administrative rules by January 1, 2008.
- Requires the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division of the Department of Public Defense to submit an annual report by January 1 to the Legislative Government Oversight Committee and the Legislative Fiscal Committee concerning activities of the Program.
- The Department of Human Services estimates there will be three events per year at a total cost of \$616,500, or \$205,500 per event.

Disaster Aid Grant Fund	
Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program Administrator	\$ 1,500
Benefit Review and Processing Staff (Two part-time employees)	45,000
State Vehicle	1,000
Lodging	1,000
Office Supplies	300
Communications Equipment	1,200
Total Staff and Equipment	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
50 eligible households per occurrence at \$3,110 per household, per event	\$ 155,500
Total Single Event Cost (Staff, Equipment, and Assistance)	<u>\$ 205,500</u>
Three Events Per Year	<u><u>\$ 616,500</u></u>